



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: March 21 - 24, 2017

Re: MAST Impact Week – Washington, DC

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Annual MAST Impact week meeting held in Washington, DC.

I arrived at the hotel in DC and quickly ran into several members of the SSMBOD. I joined them for lunch and while we were eating they discussed a meeting they had scheduled with Meghan Starling, Federal Liaison (SSM) at the NCAI office. I was invited to attend their meeting entitled “Meeting the Opportunities and Challenges of the Trump Administration and the 115th Congress” Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors Workshop. **See 3 ring binder** While there we also received an Update from Jackie Pata, NCAI Executive Director

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017

5:30pm to 7:00pm ~ *Reception and early registration/ Holiday Inn Capitol – 21st Amendment Bar & Grill*
(Sponsored by Grand Traverse Band/MI & Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe/MN)

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017

7:00am to 8:45am *Breakfast @ NIGA Building* (Sponsored by Pokagon Band of MI/IN)

8:00am *Registration* 1st floor NIGA Building

8:30am Call to order: President Frank Cloutier (SCIT)

Opening Prayer: NIGA Chairman, Ernie Stevens, Jr (Oneida of Wisconsin)

Opening Remarks: Frank Cloutier

Roll Call: Melanie Benjamin

Executive Boards Comments: Vice President, Aaron Payment (SSM)

Treasurer, Eugene Magnuson (Pokagon Band)

Treasurer's Report

Adopt, amend & approve agenda – Pokagon/Red Cliffe, motion carried

Issues and Speakers

9:00 am Tribal Leaders Round Table Discussion: Chairman Gary Besaw
(Menominee Nation) Opposing Violators of Mother Earth
See handouts and Resolution for MAST & Hill visits

9:30am Mr. Keith Harper – An International Attorney's Perspective *"Political Costs"*

10:00am Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Mike Black BIA, Presentation Q & A

10:30am National Congress of American Indians: Update, Q & A *ACA, Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act, new HHS Secretary is from Michigan. GET Infrastructure lists READY!! Indian Trader regulations last updated 1950's, doing update now – comment period is open until 4-10-2017. "Take advantage of opportunities to testify" See handouts*

11:00am Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D) MN 4th *Fight to retain 2016 funding. "We are NOT going back!" See handouts*

Noon Keynote Address & Luncheon: Chairman Ernie Stevens, NIGA

1:00pm Congressman John Moolenaar (R) MI 4th – *Newly appointed to Appropriations, co-sponsored TLOA Bill See handouts*

1:30pm National Indian Health Board Update, Q & A

Hill Visit Partners: Executive Director Stacy A. Bohlen (SSM)

Director Caitrin McCarron Shuy *SDPI expires 9-30-2017.*

"Get your members of Congress to visit your Rez and inform the media", "Its NOT about taxes, it's a trust thing" See handouts

- 2:00pm Indian Health Service: Update, Q & A
Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, HIS
Keith Longie, Bemidji Area Director, HIS
[See handouts](#)
- 2:30pm Congressman Jack Bergman (R) MI 1st *Committee assignments: Budget(architects), Veterans Affairs and Natural Resources. "Communication is not what is said but what is heard."*
[See handouts](#)
- 3:00pm WM Bill Sulinkas Regional Tribal Liaison – FEMA *National Youth Preparedness Council– Seeking applicants, 8th to 11th grade, 2yr term(beginning in July) deadline 3-31-2017.*
- 3:15pm Break (Sponsored by Red Cliff/WI Tribal Council)
- 3:30pm Honorable Senator Tammy Baldwin (D) State of Wisconsin [See handouts](#)
- 3:45pm Director Kevin Gover – National Museum of the American Indian *Competition – Open and blind, announce Veterans Day 2017* [See handouts](#)
- 5:30pm FEMA Tour of Headquarters *Participated with 8 others, including elected officials from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, Bemidji Area Director, IHS, UTM Executive Director and FEMA Regional Tribal Liaison.*

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

- 7:00am to 8:30am *Breakfast @ Capitol Ballroom* (Sponsored by Husch Blackwell)
- 8:00am Congressman Mike Gallagher (R) WI 8th *"President proposes and Congress disposes"*
[See handouts](#)
- 8:30am Mr. Brian Pierson – Godfrey & Kahn National Legal Update *Budget Blueprint*
[See handouts](#)
- 9:00am Mr. Thomas R. Kline, Ms. Eden Burgess & Mr. Earl Evans – Cultural Heritage Partners PLLC [See handouts](#)
- 9:30am Phyllis Davis, Great Lakes Regional Health Board Chair *Infrastructure – Broadband Internet. Bemidji Area is lowest funded and has the highest rate Nationwide of Lung, Colon & Breast Cancer in addition to morbidity and mortality.*
- 10:00am Congressman Dan Kildee (D) MI 5th [See handouts](#)
- 10:15am Mark Cruz – Todd Rakita's office

10:30am	<p>Attorney Matthew Newman NARF – ICW Updates & NARF</p> <p>Attorney Donald M. Ragona (Oglala), Director of Development, NARF</p> <p><i>Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative See handouts Mr. Ragona expressed an interest in coming to LTBB to meet with Tribal Council and give an update on what NARF is currently working on. Scheduling is being facilitated with Legislative Office Manager and Mr. Ragona for sometime mid-May to mid-June.</i></p>
11:00am	Aurene Martin, Spirit Rock – Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act
11:15am	<p>Eugene Magnuson – TTAC Update: <i>GWEA – 7 member advisory committee tasked to advise Secretary on taxation of Tribal Members. 4 positions have been filled, Eugene Magnuson, Ron Allen, Lacey Horn and Sharon Enfield. Focusing on Dual taxation and Indian Trader Laws.</i></p>
11:30am	Hill Visit Resolutions/Packet preparations/Packet material
Noon	<p>Keynote Address & Luncheon – Deputy Assistant Secretary Heidi J. Frechette</p> <p>Office of Native American Programs HUD</p> <p>Sponsored by: Oneida Nation of Wisconsin & Rosette LLP Attorneys At Law</p>
1:00pm	Designate and confirm assignments and group leaders for Hill visits
1:30 - 5:30pm	<p>Assigned Capitol Hill Group Visits meet with members of Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressman Tim Walz, MN 1st District. Met with Scheduler Alyssa Berg. • Congressman Keith Ellison, MN 5th District. Met with Staff Assistant Josh Stewart. • Congressman Paul A. Gosar, AZ 4th District. Met with Legislative Director Trevor Pearson. • Congressman Darin LaHood, IL 18th District. Met with Legislative Director Ashley Antoskiewicz.
5:30 - 7:00pm	<p>Midwest Delegation reception @ Rayburn House Office Building</p> <p>Sponsored by: Cottingham & Butler</p>

